

CTIP Improvement Concepts Part I

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Corridors

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 - 5th Avenue Corridor





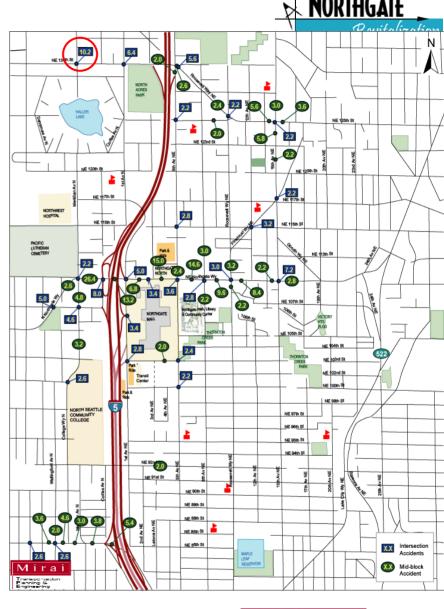


NE 130th St/ NE125th St Corridor





- High accident location:
 - NE 130th St/ Meridian
 Ave intersection: 10
 per year



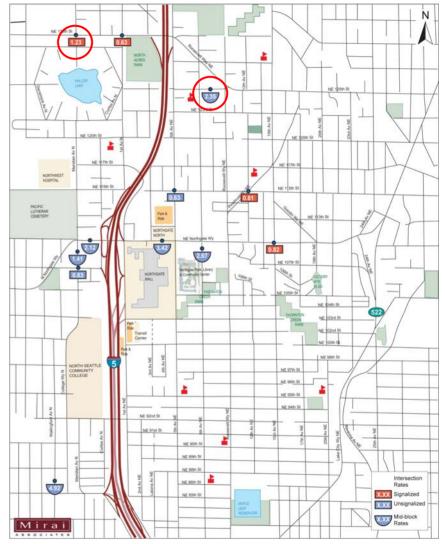






High accident rate

- NE 130th St/ Meridian
 Ave intersection: 1.23
 per million entering
 annual vehicles
- NE 125th St between 8th
 Ave and Roosevelt
 Way: 2.35 per million
 annual vehicles

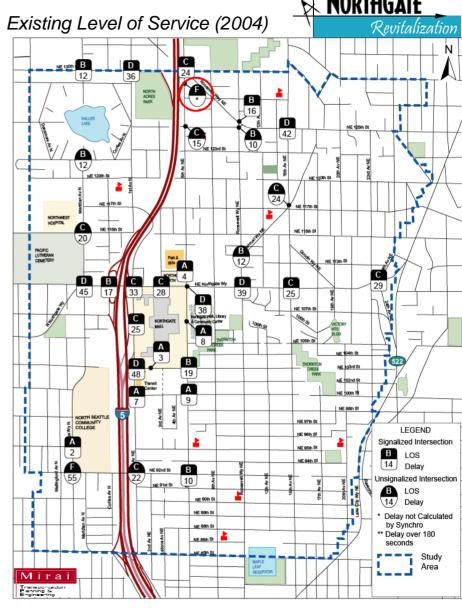






Low level of service

- Northbound I-5 Off-ramp and 5th Ave: Existing LOS F
- Northbound I-5 Off-ramp and 5th Ave: 2030 LOS long delay









Unprotected left turns

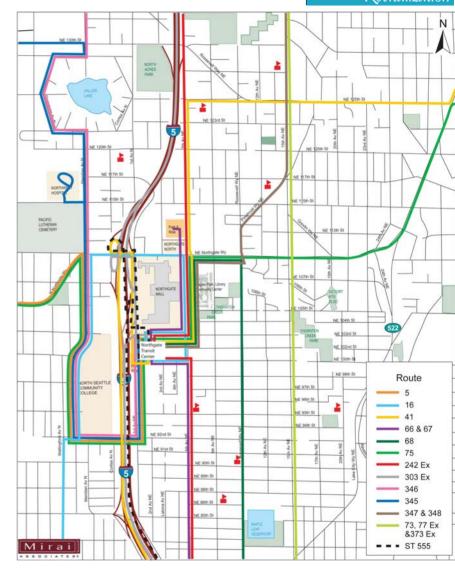
- Westbound-tosouthbound left turns on 130th St at I-5 Onramp
- Eastbound-tonorthbound left turns on 130th St at 5th Avenue







- Conflicts among transit, vehicles and pedestrians
 - NE 125th Street
 between 5th Ave and
 Roosevelt Way
 - Intersection of 125th at Roosevelt Way
 - Major transit corridor
 - Residential neighborhood
 - No sidewalks









- Intersections spaced too closely:
 - Roosevelt Way, NE 125th
 St, 10th Ave NE intersections:











N 130th/Meridian Ave N: Add left turn pockets on all approaches



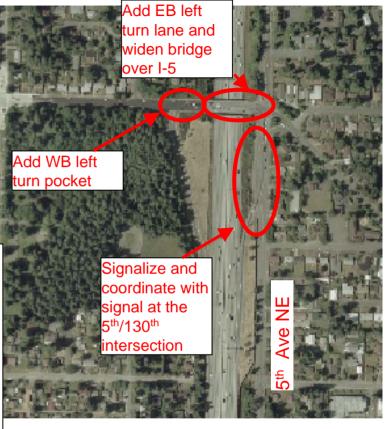






I-5/N 130th St/ Roosevelt Way/5th Ave: Work with WSDOT to:

- •Add a WB left turn pocket at I-5 on-ramp/NE 130th St intersection,
- •Add a EB left turn pocket at NE 130th St./5th Ave intersection, and
- •Install a signal at I-5 off-ramp/5th Avenue and coordinate this new signal with the existing 130th/5th Ave signal

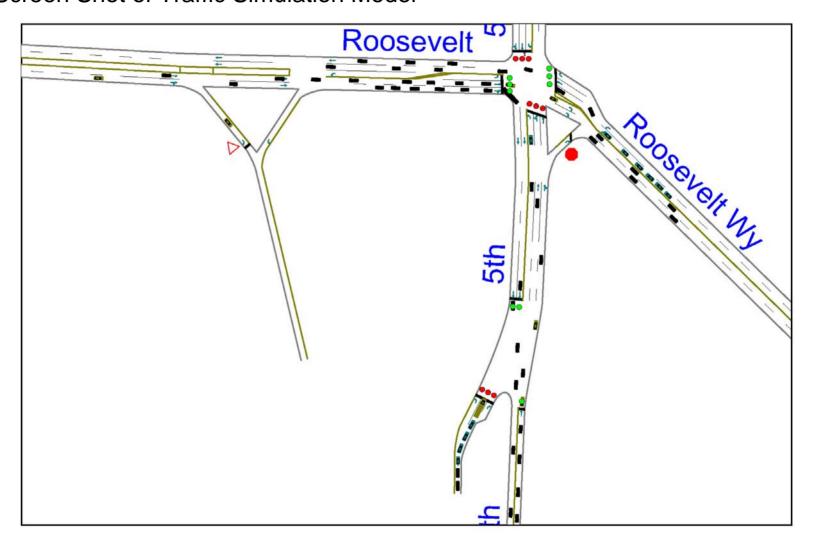








Screen Shot of Traffic Simulation Model















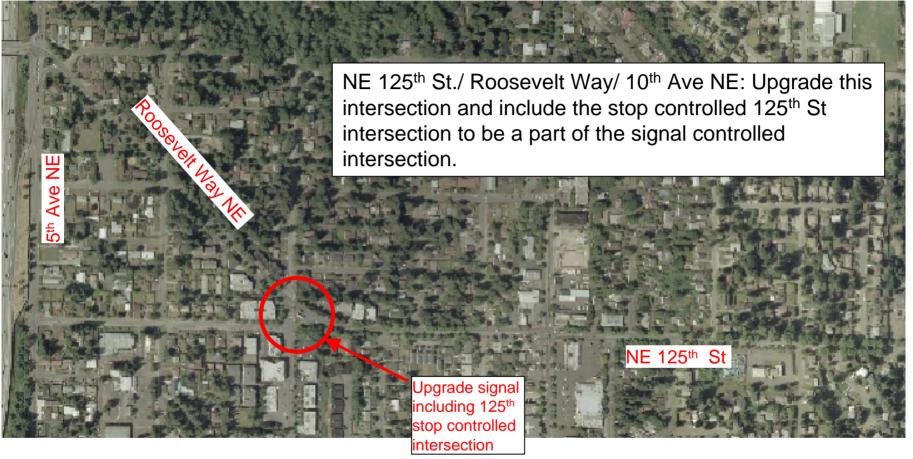






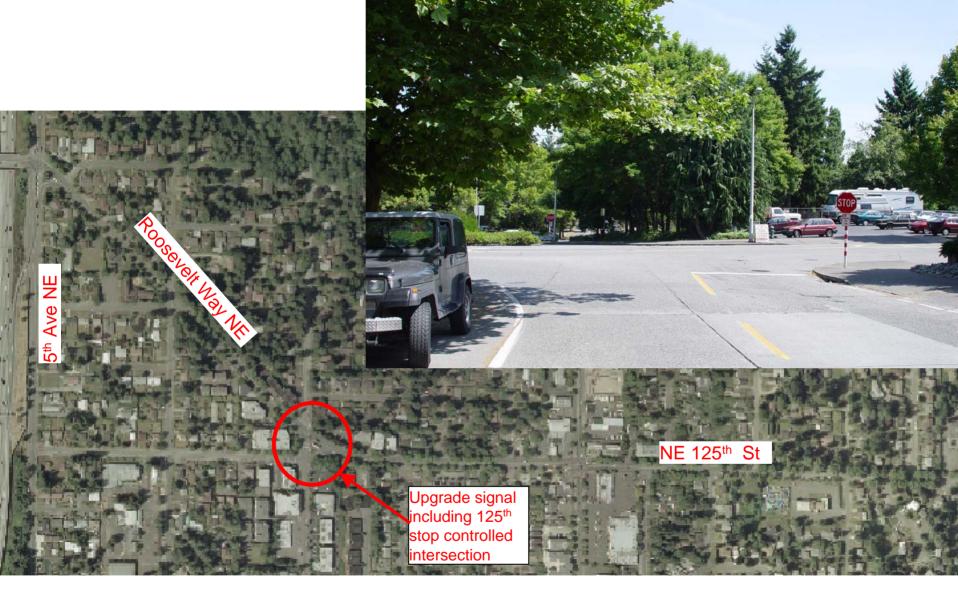










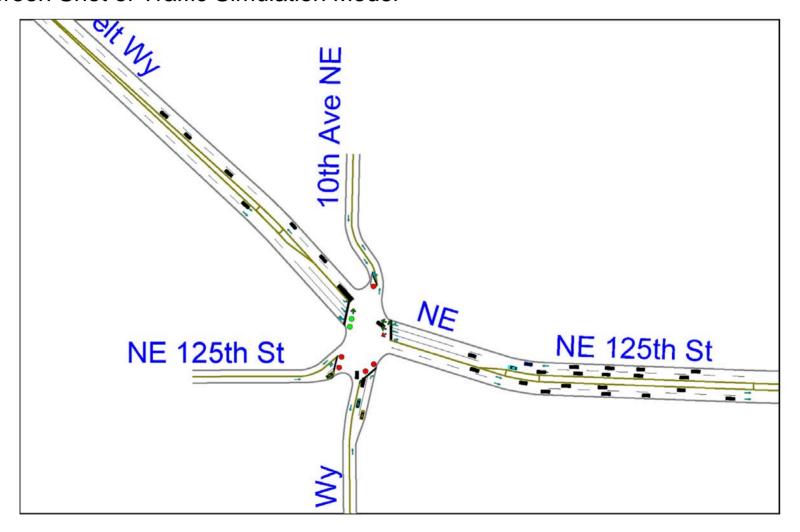








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NE 125th St / 15th Ave NE: Upgrade the existing signal with vehicles detectors and optimize signal operation







Non-Arterial Streets





Neighborhood Streets

Major issues

- Speed
- Traffic volumes
- Lack of pedestrian facilities
- 50% of school walk routes lack sidewalks

| Indicator | Minimum and Maximum Points | Definition of Point Allocation |
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| Vehicle Volume (Weekday 24 hour) | 0 to 20 | 1 point assigned for every 100 vpd |
| Speed (85 percentile) | 0 to 20 | 1 point assigned for every one mph over 20 mph |
| Pedestrian Facility (Sidewalks and walkways) | 0 to 20 | No curb, gutter & sidewalk or walkway on both sides = 20 points A walkway on one side = 15 points A curb, gutter & sidewalk on one side = 10 points A curb, gutter & sidewalk on one side and a walkway on the other side = 5 points Curbs, gutters and sidewalks on both sides = 0 points |
| Collision | 0 to 10 | 2 points assigned for each reported collision over past three years |
| School Walkway Route | 0 or 10 | 10 points assigned for the designated school route |
| Pedestrian Route | 0 or 10 | 10 points assigned for the key pedestrian connector designated by Northgate Open Space & Pedestrian Connections |
| Bicycle Route | 0 or 5 | 5 points assigned for the bike route |
| Street Feature | 0 or 5 | Up to 5 points assigned for features that might negatively impact safety of pedestrians such as poor sight distance, sharp curbs and wide street width |



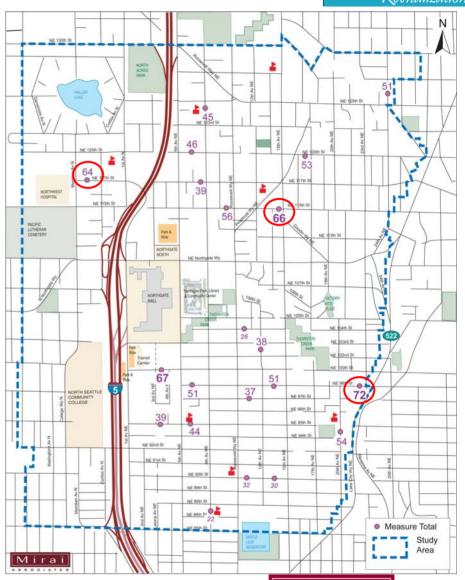




Non-Arterial Streets

Score distribution for 21 locations (lower is better):

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| < 30 | 2 |
| 30 – 40 | 6 |
| 40 – 50 | 3 |
| 50 – 60 | 7 |
| > 60 | 3 |

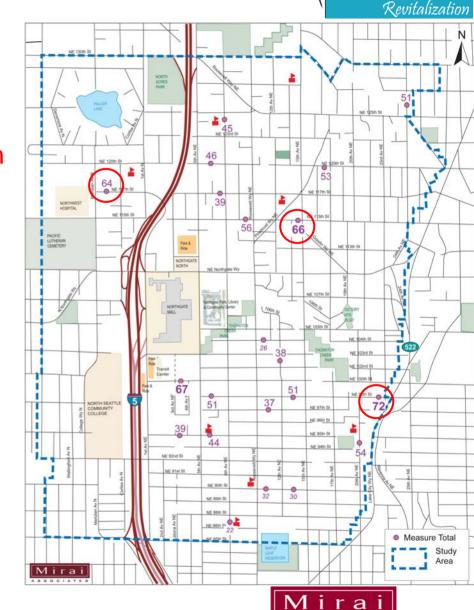






Non-Arterial Streets

- Neighborhood street indicators with high score (poor performance):
 - NE 98th St between 15th Ave NE and Lake City Way
 - NE 115th St between 15th Ave NE and Lake City Way
 - NE 117th St between Meridian Ave N and 1st Ave N
- About a half of the school walk routes have sidewalks on one side:
 - The performance goal: 90 percent







Pedestrian Crossings

- Analyzed pedestrian street crossings at the following locations:
 - Northgate Way Corridor:
 - I-5 Southbound ramps, 1st Avenue NE, 3rd Avenue NE, 5th Avenue NE, 8th Avenue NE, Roosevelt Way, and a section between 5th Avenue and 7th Avenue
 - 5th Avenue NE Corridor
 - Northgate Way, NE 106th Street (Community Center), NE 103rd Street, NE 100th Street, NE 92nd Street, NE 105th Street, NE 112th Street, NE 85th Street
 - 8th Avenue NE Corridor
 - North of Northgate Way NE to Post Office
 - Roosevelt Way Corridor
 - Street sections between NE 112th Street and Northgate Way, and between NE 88th Street and NE 92nd Street
 - 15th Ave NE Corridor
 - North of NE 94th Street, access to Sacajawea Elementary School, NW Puppet Center, NE 117th Street – NE 125th Street
 - 3rd Avenue Corridor
 - NE 100th Street, NE 103rd Street
 - Meridian Avenue N Corridor
 - A section between N 103rd Street and N 105th Street, 115th Ave N/Meridian Ave N







Neighborhood Connections

 Implement recommendations of the Open Space and Pedestrian Plan

Neighborhood Connections

- Provide clear and safe pedestrian connections to neighborhood serving businesses – the Post Office, Northgate Plaza and QFC
- Encourage pedestrian pathways off the major streets to create a more figrained pedestrian network (e.g. 8th Avenue NE, north of NE Northgate Way)







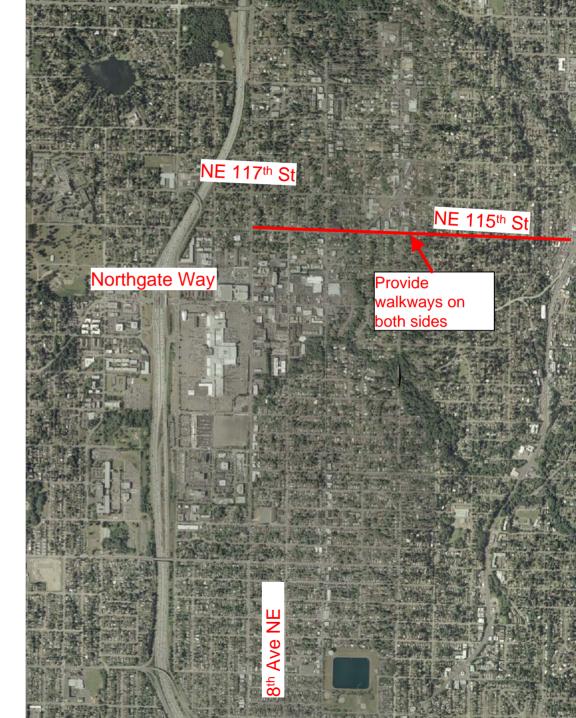


N 117th St from 1st Ave N to Meridian Ave N: Add a raised walkway on the north side of the street and place speed humps (cushion)

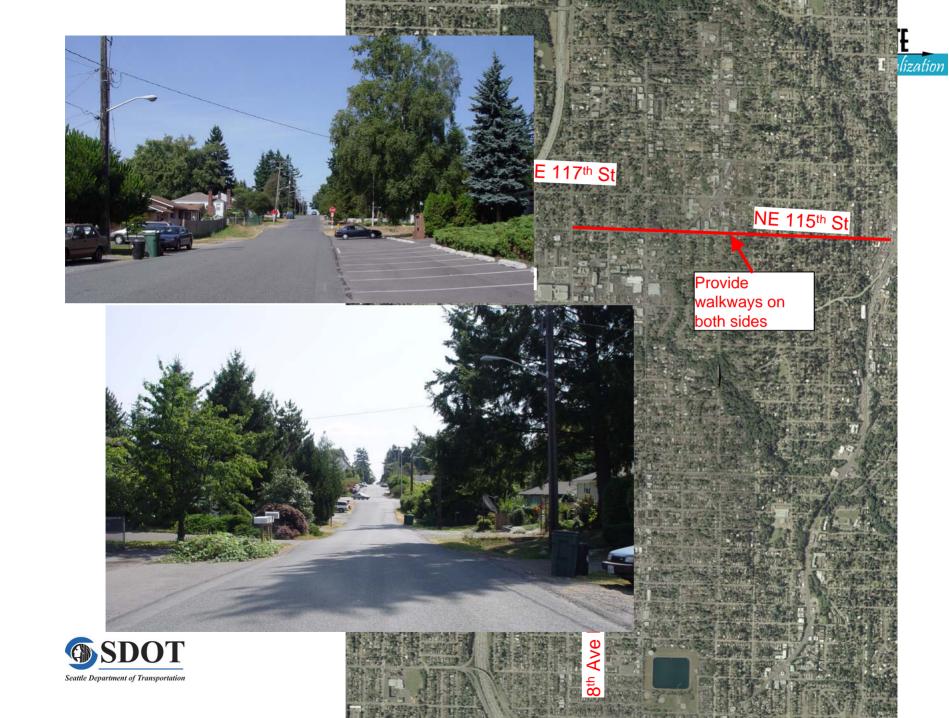




NE 115th St from 5th Ave NE to Lake City Way: Provide raised walkways on both sides of the street. Restrict On-street parking to one side.









8th Ave NE between Northgate Way and NE 115th Street: Provide a midblock pedestrian crossing with in-pavement lights











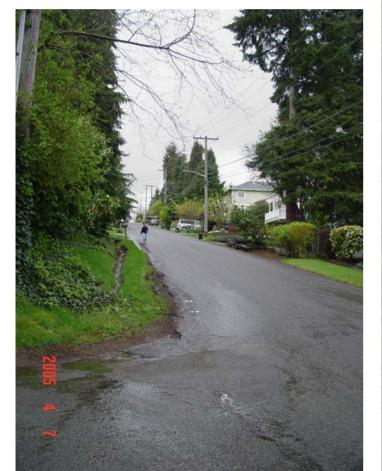
8th Ave NE in the vicinity of the proposed mid-block pedestrian crossing





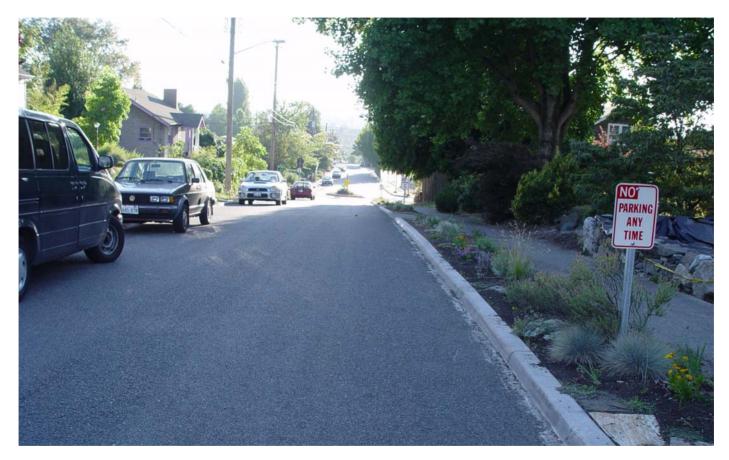


8th Ave NE from Northgate Way to NE 92nd St: Provide a walkway on one side of the street









An example of 8th Ave NE walkway









NE 98th Street at Lake City Way, looking east









NE 98th Street looking west from west of Lake City Way









NE 98th Street looking east at 15th Ave NE







Provide curbs, gutter and sidewalks on both sides of NE 98th St from 15th Ave NE to Lake City Way. Allow on-street parking. Integrate traffic control devices with the sidewalk improvements









West of I-5





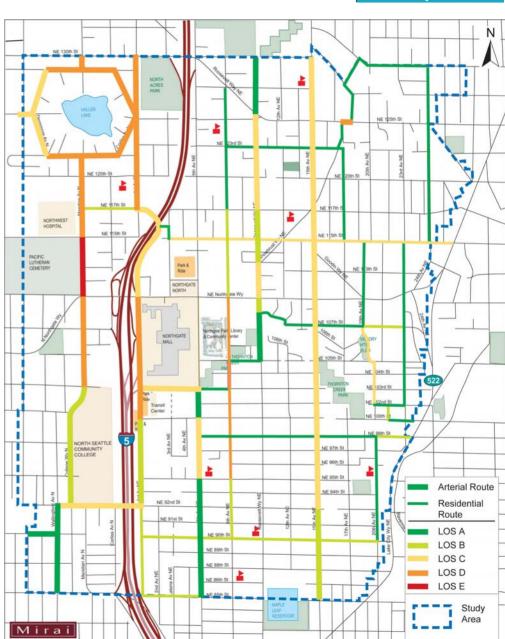


- Low Bike Index (level of service)
 - Meridian Avenue/ 1st
 Ave west of I-5 scored poorly: LOS D and E
 - Factors:
 - Limited riding space
 - Higher traffic & speeds

Benchmarks:

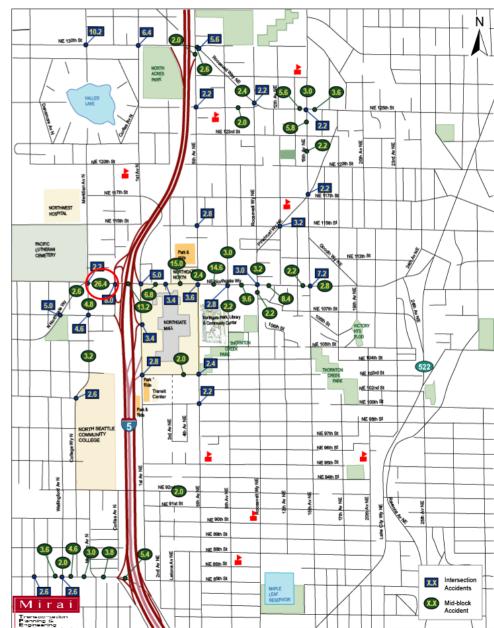
Arterials – LOS "C" Residential – LOS "B"







- Highest mid-block collision area:
 - Northgate Way
 between Meridian
 Ave N and Corliss
 Ave N/ I-5
 Southbound Off-ramp: 26 per year

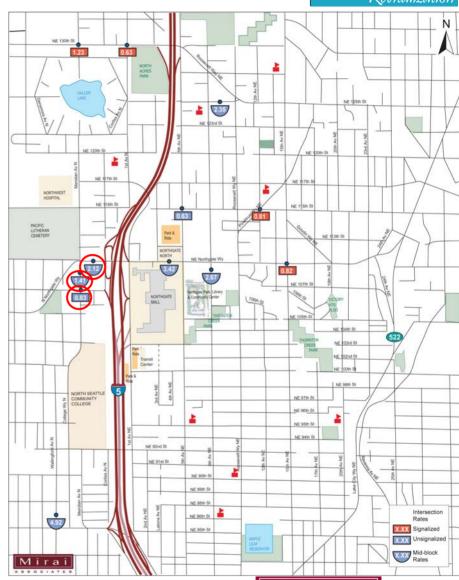






High collision rates

- Mid-block rates:
 - Northgate Way between Meridian Ave N and Corliss Ave/ SB I-5 Off-Ramp:2.12 per million annual vehicles
 - Meridian Ave N between Northgate Way and N 107th Street:1.41 per million annual vehicles
- Intersection rates:
 - Meridian Ave N & N 107th St:0.83 million annual entering vehicles



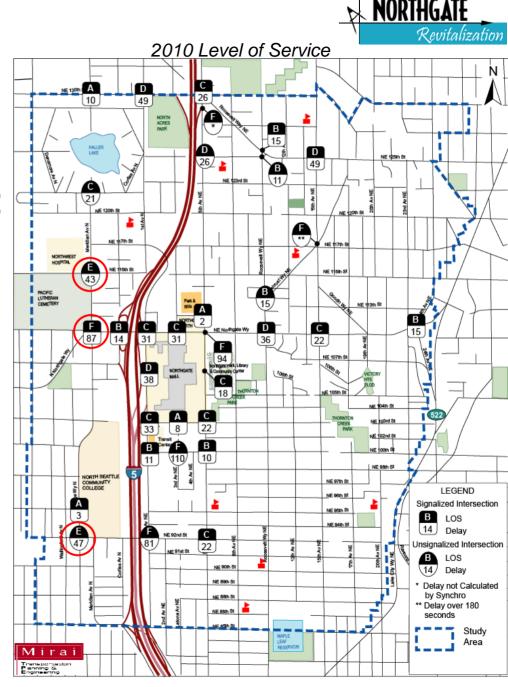
Planning & Engineering



Low level of service:

- Northgate Way/
 Meridian Ave N
 intersection: LOS F
 (2010)
- Meridian Ave N/ N
 115th St: LOS E
- College Way/ N 92nd
 St: LOS E (Evaluate in the NSCC Master Planning)





1st Ave NE from N 117th St to N 130th St: Add bike lanes or widen shoulders to accommodate bike traffic











1st Ave NE at NE 116th St/ I-5 overpass looking northwest





Meridian Ave N from N 115th St to N 122nd St: Add bike lanes and sidewalks







N 115th St/ Meridian Ave N: Install a traffic signal





Meridian Ave N from Northgate Way and N 100th St: Provide bicycle lanes on both sides of the street.

College Way from N 100th St to N 92nd St: Provide bicycle lanes on both sides of the street by converting the curb lanes.





Northgate Way/ Meridian Ave: Add westbound-tosouthbound double left turn lanes.

Meridian Ave N/ Northgate Way intersection



Northgate Way N from Meridian Ave N to Corliss Ave N/I-5 Off Ramp: Provide a median and restrict mid-block left turns. Investigate feasibility of providing a business access street behind the buildings located along Northgate Way.



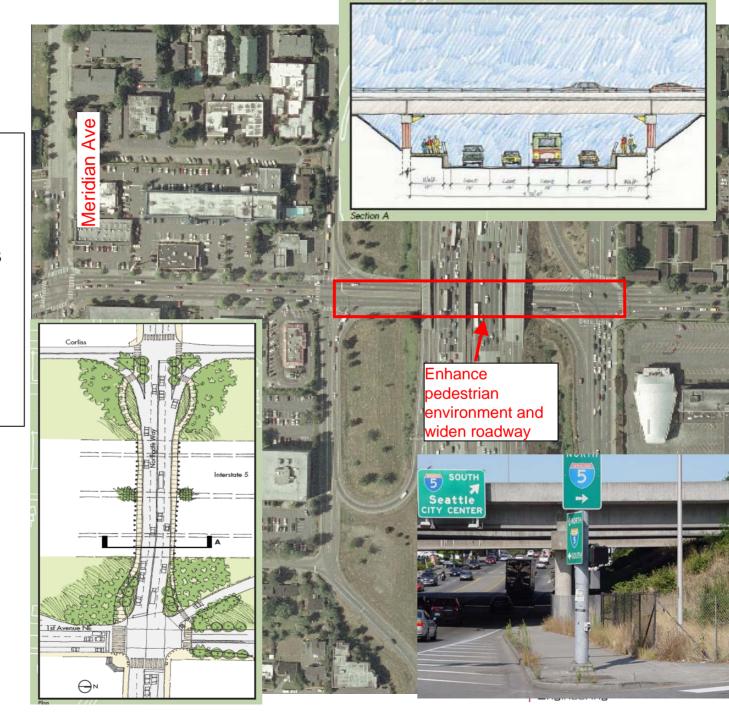


SB I-5 Off
Ramp/Corliss Ave/
Northgate Way:
Allow westbound left
turns from
Northgate Way to
southbound Corliss
Avenue. Extend the
westbound left turn
lane on Northgate
Way under I-5
Overpass by placing
sidewalks behind
the columns





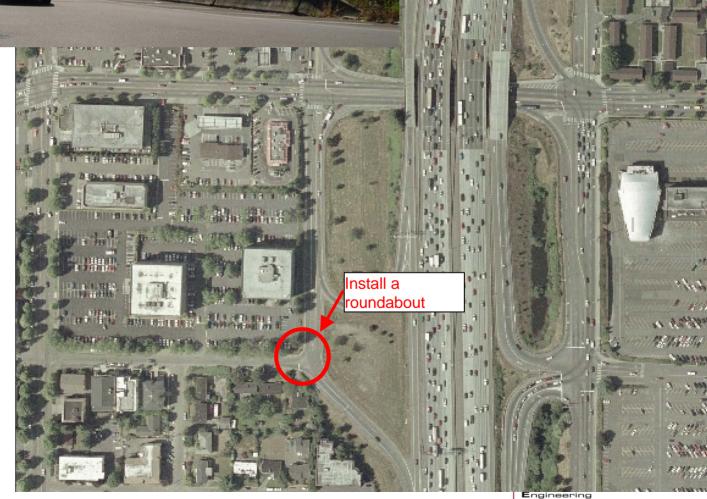
Northgate Way between Corliss Ave N and 1st Ave NE: Improve pedestrian facilities based Open Space/Pedestrian Plan. Place the sidewalks behind the I-5 bridge columns.







SB I-5 On Ramp/Corliss Ave N/ N 107th St: Provide a roundabout





Meridian Ave N/ N 107th St: Provide a roundabout







N 107th Street from Meridian Ave N to Corliss Ave N/ SB I-5 On Ramp: Provide curbs, gutters and sidewalks







92nd Street Corridor



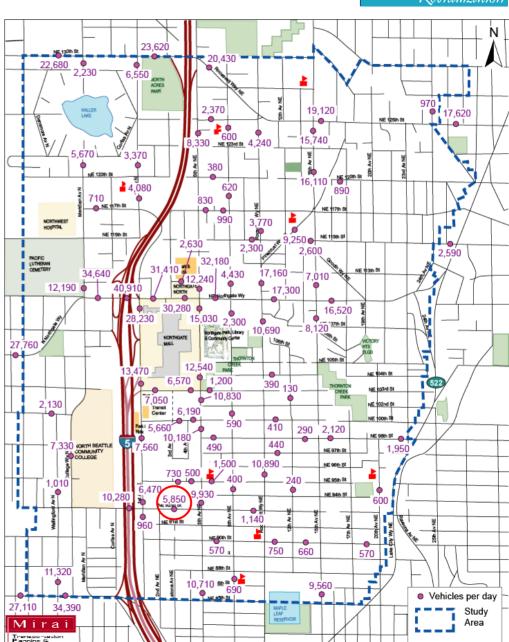




92nd Street Corridor

- High volumes of traffic
 - Single familyneighborhood:5,900 vehicles per day

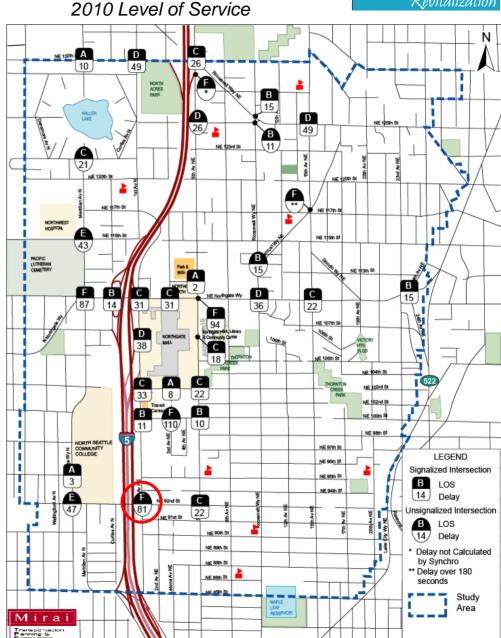






92nd Street Corridor

- Low level of service
 - 1st Ave/ 92nd Street intersection





NE 92nd Street from 1st Ave NE to 5th Ave NE: Provide curbs, gutters and sidewalks on both sides of the street.

NE 92nd Street/ 1st Ave: Install a traffic signal.



